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1. The Central Labor Union is not directed by Communists but is well infiltrated with them. The real organizer of this union was Nai Thienchai Apichatbutr, a member of the House of Elders. He was actively assisted by Dusit Boontharm. Nai Thienchai is still the guiding head of the Central Labor Union.
2. The Chinese-language daily Chuan Min Pao is the chief propaganda outlet for this union. The Chuan Min Pao is neither Communist owned nor controlled, but is definitely a leftist paper. One of its sources is the Communist Hsin Hwa (New China News Service) which is broadcast from northern Shensi.

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Note: Nai Thienchai Apichatbutr is a member of the Sahachep Party and a close friend of Nai Prasert Sapsunthorn, lone Communist MP. Sources other than above have stated that his leftism is along classical rather than Soviet lines.

Dusit Boontharm, a member of the National Assembly, is a member of the Sahachep Party. He was elected to the Central Executive Committee of the Southeast Asia League at the September 8th meeting of the League.

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